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JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the state highway commission to give greater regard to the drainage of wet lands in laying out new highways.

WHEREAS, There is still a great amount of wet land in this state which by proper drainage could be used for agricultural purposes and which, if made productive, would increase the tax base of the state; and

WHEREAS, The cost of constructing necessary culverts and bridges under highways must presently be borne by the drainage district and has resulted in the postponement of the construction of drainages in many parts of the state because of the exorbitant cost of constructing the necessary bridges and culverts; and

WHEREAS, In the past the construction of highway grades has at times interfered with existing drainage systems or has discouraged the construction of new ones; and

WHEREAS, During the next few years there will be a large amount of new highway construction throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the highway commission be requested to pay special attention, in the laying out and construction of highway grades, to the possible future drainage of wet lands which are traversed by highway grades and to place highway bridges and culverts in such a manner as to facilitate future drainage projects and not impede them. Be it further

Resolved, That duly attested copies of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the state highway commission, to the state highway engineer and each division engineer.